

Board of Selectmen – August 2, 2010

Present: Searle (presiding), Dugan, Gibbs; Absent: Babson, Tsagaris

Also present: Larsen, Ketchen, Connolly, Robinson

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Warrants approved:

Citizen speak: Maria Channan, representing the LaRouche Political Action Committee, came forward to speak in support of the Glass-Steagall Act.

Minutes approved: None

Business:

### **1. Executive Director's Update**

Mr. Larsen informed the Board members present that the owners of 978 Worcester Street had withdrawn their application for a common victualler's license.

The Board voted (2-0) to approve the request of Wellesley Country Club to extend the hours of liquor service in the clubhouse from midnight to 1:00am on Saturday, September 25, 2010 in accordance with Town Bylaw Article VI, Section 1. Mr. Dugan, as a member of the Wellesley Country Club, abstained.

The Board voted to approve the appointment of election workers as summarized in the memorandum from Town Clerk Kathy Nagle dated July 29, 2010.

The Board voted to designate the Executive Director to conduct a disciplinary hearing on behalf of the Fire Department.

### **2. The Kebob Group, Inc – Transfer of Stock & Resignation of Officer – 312 Washington Street**

Representatives of the Kebob Group, Inc. came before the Board to request approval of a transfer of their license subsequent to a transfer of stock and resignation of a corporate officer.

The Board voted to approve the transfer of an All Alcohol Beverage License in accordance with the provisions of the transfer of stock as described in the application of The Kebab Group, Inc. to the Selectmen's Office dated June 23, 2010.

### **3. Firefighter Appointments**

Deputy Fire Chief Jeffrey Petersen came before the Board to recommend that the Board appoint Ian McMakin and Gerard Sullivan as firefighters. Mr. Makin and Mr. Sullivan were both present and spoke briefly about their background and training.

The Board voted to appoint Ian McMakin and Gerard Sullivan each to the position of Firefighter in the Wellesley Fire Department contingent upon successful completion of the Massachusetts Firefighters Academy and Emergency Medical Technician training programs.

#### **4. Project and Other Updates**

*Wellesley High School – No update.*

*Wellesley Middle School – No update.*

*27 Washington Street – Mr. Larsen indicated that the Grossman's sign was scheduled to be taken down the next day.*

*Senior Center – Ms. Searle indicated that a meeting was taking place on Tuesday night with officials from the Wellesley Community Center.*

*DCR Bridge – Mr. Larsen indicated that he did not have a schedule on when bridge construction would begin.*

*Advisory Committee Update – No update.*

*Fuller Brook Path – No update.*

*St. James Committee – Ms. Gibbs indicated that the Archdiocese has received the official decree from the Vatican confirming the church closing.*

*Public Transportation Study – No update.*

*Regional Matters – No update.*

*Sustainability – Mr. Ketchen indicated that the Human Resources Department was in the process of vetting the finalist identified by the selection committee for the position of Sustainability Coordinator.*

*School Budget – Ms. Searle gave an update regarding ongoing discussions with the School Department regarding long-term budget and financial planning. Both Ms. Searle and Mr. Ketchen conveyed their appreciation to the School Committee for inviting them to participate in the process.*

#### **5. Roche Brothers Noise Mitigation Plan**

A discussion took place regarding a noise mitigation plan developed by Federal Realty in consultation with Roche Brothers. Mr. Michael Kelliher representing Federal Realty and Kathleen Kondylas from Neva Associates came before the Board to participate in the public discussion. Mr. Kelliher described the information and planning process. Ms. Kondylas described several approaches and materials to be used as part of the mitigation plan.

The following members of the public came forward to speak on historic problems with the site and proposed mitigation plan:

Charlene Ralli, 6 Pine Tree Road, described difficulty in contacting Federal Realty. She also expressed concerns about the rotary.

Jack Carter, 1 Highland Road, described his dissatisfaction with the history of the communication surrounding the project. He described noise problems from vehicles entering the site and unloading.

Peter Quinn, 24 Pine Tree Road, asked about the approved hours for work at the loading dock. He also expressed a need to have restrictions enforced by management. Mr. Larsen stated that the hours for trash removal are limited to 8AM – 8PM with truck operations being limited to 7AM – 9PM. He and Ms. Ralli also expressed noise and litter concerns related to trash and compactor operations.

John Smika, 4 Highland Road, spoke in favor of a long-term noise mitigation solution. He also advocated in favor of the Board periodically engaging the neighbors regarding noise concerns.

Mr. Kelliher encouraged everyone to give their contact information to Federal Realty to stay in contact with neighbors on developing issues.

The Board voted to approve the noise mitigation plan as presented by Federal Realty this evening.

## **6. Street Layouts and Orders of Taking with Betterments**

Mr. Connolly requested that the Board approve the street layouts and orders of taking with betterments of three Town streets (Upson Road, Oakdale Avenue and Woodside Avenue).

The Board voted to approve the Layouts and Orders of Taking (With Betterments) for the following:

1. Upson Road
2. Oakdale Avenue
3. Woodside Avenue

And, further, to set the interest rate at 5% and the maximum repayment term to be 10 years.

## **7. Police and Fire Chief Performance Review**

Ms. Searle described the fine work of Mr. Larsen, Chief of Police Terrance Cunningham and Fire Chief Richard Delorie during the previous fiscal year.

The Board voted to approve a one per cent (1%) salary increase for:

- Hans Larsen, Executive Director of General Government Services pursuant to MGL Chapter 41, Section 108N
- Terrence Cunningham, Chief of Police pursuant to MGL Chapter 41, Section 108O
- Richard Delorie, Fire Chief pursuant to MGL Chapter 41, Section 108O

And, further, that said increases be effective July 1, 2010.

At 8:28 p.m., the Board was polled all “yes” to adjourn.